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PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME  
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In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Final Office Action mailed June 3, 2004, said period of response being extended from September 3, 2004 to October 4, 2004 (Monday).

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Respectfully Submitted

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